

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Piloo Mody.

SHRI PILOO MODY : Since I asked the question from the Prime Minister and somebody else is replying, I have no supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER : You are not interested in the answer, only in the Prime Minister.

SHRI B. V. NAIK : In view of the Centre-States relations being what they are, I would like to know from the Minister whether he would expect any smooth sailing and that the States would voluntarily ask for the constitution of the Central Services or an all-India cadre and whether it is not inmate in our Centre-States relationship that this sort of a conflict or an opposition from the States would come, wherever they are, whatever the States are, and, if that be so, what are the remedies that the Centre is trying to find out.

SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA : There is no malady. We thought that the Centre-States relations are in a very good shape.

Increase in rate of Telephone calls

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*157. SHRI K. BALADHANDAYU-THAM :

SHRI ISHWAR CHOU-DHRY :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to raise the rate of Telephone calls;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) to (c). It became necessary to revise the local call charges for the Public Call Offices from 20 paise to 30 paise due to mechanical requirements resulting from the weight of new coinage, available.

SHRI K. BALADHANDAYU-THAM : I want to know from the Minister as to why he should not change the machine to suit the new weight of the coins.

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THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : That will be a huge exercise in futility because, ultimately, even if we propose to change it, it will take a lot of time. In between, this facility will not be available to the people. We cannot possibly put them off for a year or so and start them all over again.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Is it a huge exercise in taxing the people.

SHRI K. BALADHANDAYU-THAM : Is it only for Public Call Phones that you have raised the rate or is it for all the phones?

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA : It is only for Public Call Phones. The private parties pay rental charges and call charges. Here, there is no rental charge. Actually, they are almost on parity now.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : क्या मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि जहाँ पर ऐसे काल नहीं लगे हुए हैं, वहाँ यदि कोई व्यक्ति किसी दुकान में नगर में काल करता है, तो उस से दुकानदार 20 पैसे के बजाय आठ आने वसूल करते हैं, अनेक स्थानों पर लोगों ने इस तरह का धन्वा चला रखा है? क्या सरकार का ध्यान हम ओर गया है तथा उन को ऐसी शिकायतें मिली हैं, यदि मिली हैं तो उन पर क्या कार्रवाई की गई है?

श्री हेमवतीनन्दन बहुगुणा : लोगों को आठ आने न देने पड़े, इसी लिये ज्यादा से ज्यादा 10, 10 ओं लगा रहे हैं ताकि 30 पैसे में काम चल जाय।

Setting up of new Industries in Public and Private sectors

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*158. SHRI S. P. BHATTACHARYA :

SHRI B. N. REDDY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new industries started in the public and private sectors during current year, State-wise;

(b) the names and location thereof; and

(c) the number of the industries started by larger Industrial Houses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) to (c). A list of new industrial units set up during the period 1-1-1972 to 30-6-1972, as borne on the records of the Directorate General of Technical Development, giving the relevant particulars, is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT—3314/72]

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Closure of Simpson Group of Industries, Madras

SNQ. 1. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Simpson Group of Industries in Madras employing about 16,000 workers have been lying closed for a very long period;

(b) whether many units connected with Defence production and automobiles are affected consequently; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Central Government for arranging the reopening of Simpson Group of Industries?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of India have advised the Management to approach the State Government to find an early solution to the problems faced by it to secure reopening of the closed units without further loss of time. The Government of India are also in touch with the State Government in the matter.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: This factory remains closed for the last one year. May I know whether the Government of India are aware of the root cause of the trouble and that unless the root cause is removed, it will be difficult to re-open the factory? The

root cause is the advent of one union and the leadership of that union in collusion with the management and aided by the State Government imposed an agreement which was resisted by majority of the workers. That is how the trouble started there in October, 1971 and it is going on for nearly one year..

SHRI C. CHITTIBABU: Is he making a statement, Sir?

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: I must give the information because the Union Government is so ignorant and unless I give the information, how can they know?

SHRI C. CHITTIBABU: If they are so ignorant, how did they reply?

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Does the hon. Minister hope that the possibility of re-opening the factory is bright now?

SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The Government is aware of the history of this concern and the troubles which are dogging this industrial group. Every effort is being made to re-open it and I hope the efforts would succeed. Otherwise, the Central Government will have to consider what further steps will have to be taken from here.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Those who have been following the action taken by the State Government cannot share the hope which the hon. Minister is expressing now. What is happening now is that talks are taking place between the DMK leadership....

MR. SPEAKER: Kindly ask the question.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: I must give the information and then ask the Minister.

MR. SPEAKER: No information please. Please come up with your question.

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the hon. Minister take steps to see that all the trade union leaders are brought together to reach a settlement so that that settlement will create confidence in the workers and if so, what action the Union Government propose to take in that direction? If that is not